

Summary of USAID/OFDA Assistance to the Philippines FY 2000-FY 2005

FY 2005 \$544,000

In December 2004, USAID/OFDA awarded grants to the following organizations, adding up to \$500,000 in cash and \$44,000 worth of commodities, in response to the successive weather disturbances in Southern Luzon:

- I. Philippine National Red Cross: a) \$200,000 in cash to procure food and non-food commodities for 19,000 families in the provinces of Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Mindoro Oriental, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, and Quezon; b) 500 body bags, at a total cost of \$15,000 including transport, to assist with the recovery efforts; and c) 80 rolls of plastic sheeting, at a total cost of \$29,000 including transport, to provide temporary shelter to more than 800 families and assist these families in repairs upon return to their homes.
- 2. Save the Children: \$125,000 in cash to distribute non-food commodities, including water treatment and shelter materials, to 6,737 families in Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte and Catanduanes; and to support emergency rehabilitation activities in Camarines Sur. The grant completion date is in September 2005.
- 3. World Vision: \$150,000 in cash to help normalize the condition of the disaster-affected population in Infanta, Quezon by providing food and a cash-for-work program to 3,000 families from 16 barangays.
- 4. World Health Organization: \$25,000 in cash to provide technical and capacity-building support to local health staff to facilitate effective disease surveillance/prevention and timely responses to situations arising in the disaster-affected areas.

FY 2004 \$640,000

On December 22, 2003, USAID/OFDA initially provided the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) the amount of \$50,000 in relief assistance and later provided an additional \$140,000 for emergency core shelters and a water system in response to the Southern Leyte mudslide disaster.

On September 15, 2004, USAID/OFDA awarded a \$450,000 grant to Save the Children to help internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Liguasan Marsh area in Mindanao who have returned to their communities to rebuild community water and sanitation facilities and to restart their livelihoods by providing them tools such as fishing nets. The grant completion date is on September 30, 2006.

FY 2003 \$550,000

On March 24, 2003, USAID/OFDA provided funding to Save the Children to implement a disaster preparedness and response project in the conflict-affected areas of Mindanao. Through the grant, Save the Children has: I) established a Mindanao emergency response network of local NGOs and community-based groups, which can implement through relatively small amounts of money, small-scale preparedness and relief activities; 2) managed a small-grants mechanism to fund these preparedness and relief activities; and 3) created a small stockpile of locally-sourced relief items for use in emergencies in the Mindanao region. The grant completion date is in September 2005.

FY 2002 \$100,000

On November 9, 2001, USAID/OFDA provided a \$100,000 grant to the Philippine National Red Cross for the provision of food, blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito netting, and water containers to assist an estimated 10,000 families affected by Typhoon Lingling.

FY 2001 \$422,625

On March 22, 2001, USAID/OFDA provided \$422,625 to Action Against Hunger/USA, working in coordination with OXFAM and Medecins Sans Frontieres/Belgium, to improve health and living conditions and restore the livelihoods of returnees and IDPs residing in evacuation centers in central Mindanao.

FY 2000 \$253,194

On February 29, 2000, USAID/OFDA provided \$25,000 to the Philippine National Red Cross to help meet the immediate needs of evacuees from the Mayon Volcano's explosive-type earthquakes, increased lava and sulfur dioxide emissions, tremors, and ground swelling. Subsequently, USAID/OFDA provided 244,800 sq. ft. of plastic sheeting, three 3,000-gallon water bladders, two water purification units, and 5,000 give-gallon collapsible water jugs, valued at \$87,894, which were consigned to the PNRC. These relief commodities arrived in country via two commercial airlifts at a cost of \$115,300. USAID/OFDA also provided an additional \$25,000 to the PNRC for the purchase, transport, and maintenance of portable latrines.